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**Louisiana Eighth Cotton Production**

Louisiana cotton production for 2004 was 885,000 bales, down 14 percent from 2003. Yield per acre was 867 pounds, down 10 percent or 100 pounds, from a year earlier but still the second highest yield on record for the state. Area harvested totaled 490,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2003. Among the cotton producing states, Louisiana ranked eighth, behind Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia, California, North Carolina and Tennessee. Louisiana ranks ninth in cottonseed production with 295,000 tons.

**Cotton, Upland Acreage, Yield and Production**

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2003	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2004 <sup>1,2</sup>
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Pounds-----		-----1,000 Bales-----	
Alabama	525.0	550.0	510.0	540.0	772	724	820.0	814.0
Arizona	215.0	240.0	213.0	238.0	1,239	1,458	550.0	723.0
Arkansas	980.0	910.0	945.0	900.0	916	1,114	1,804.0	2,089.0
California	550.0	560.0	545.0	557.0	1,317	1,543	1,495.0	1,790.0
Florida	94.0	89.0	92.0	87.0	610	601	117.0	109.0
Georgia	1,300.0	1,290.0	1,290.0	1,280.0	785	674	2,110.0	1,797.0
Kansas	90.0	85.0	80.0	80.0	537	424	89.5	70.7
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>525.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>510.0</b>	<b>490.0</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>1,027.0</b>	<b>885.0</b>
Mississippi	1,110.0	1,110.0	1,090.0	1,100.0	934	1,024	2,120.0	2,346.0
Missouri	400.0	380.0	390.0	378.0	862	1,054	700.0	830.0
New Mexico	53.0	68.0	38.0	64.0	884	848	70.0	113.0
North Carolina	810.0	730.0	770.0	725.0	646	900	1,037.0	1,360.0
Oklahoma	180.0	220.0	170.0	200.0	616	727	218.0	303.0
South Carolina	220.0	215.0	218.0	214.0	718	875	326.0	390.0
Tennessee	560.0	530.0	530.0	525.0	806	900	890.0	984.0
Texas	5,600.0	5,850.0	4,350.0	5,350.0	478	694	4,330.0	7,740.0
Virginia	89.0	82.0	85.0	81.0	674	956	119.4	161.4
<b>United States</b>	<b>13,301.0</b>	<b>13,409.0</b>	<b>11,826.0</b>	<b>12,809.0</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>17,822.9</b>	<b>22,505.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> 480-pound net weight bales.

**Cottonseed: Production and Farm Disposition<sup>1</sup>**

State	Production		Farm Disposition				Used for Planting <sup>3</sup>	
			Sales to Oil Mills		Other <sup>2</sup>			
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Tons-----		-----1,000 Tons-----				-----1,000 Tons-----	
Alabama	327.0	282.0	49.0	16.0	278.0	266.0	6.3	6.4
Arizona	216.8	301.6	4.1	3.3	212.7	298.3	2.2	2.1
Arkansas	689.0	734.0	462.0	529.0	227.0	205.0	8.6	9.3
California	680.0	902.0	93.5	116.0	586.5	786.0	6.6	6.1
Florida	37.0	35.0	21.7	25.0	15.3	10.0	1.0	0.9
Georgia	732.0	560.0	405.0	343.0	327.0	217.0	15.0	14.0
Kansas	34.2	26.0	4.2	7.0	30.0	19.0	0.9	0.8
Louisiana	365.0	295.0	191.0	138.0	174.0	157.0	4.5	5.6
Mississippi	773.0	804.0	604.0	675.0	169.0	129.0	11.0	13.0
Missouri	274.0	268.0	200.0	186.0	74.0	82.0	4.0	4.3
New Mexico	31.6	52.5	3.8	11.7	27.8	40.8	0.8	0.8
North Carolina	349.0	447.0	52.0	79.0	297.0	368.0	6.6	6.8
Oklahoma	79.0	113.0	64.0	91.0	15.0	22.0	2.4	2.5
South Carolina	109.0	94.0	58.0	54.0	51.0	40.0	1.5	1.6
Tennessee	311.0	336.0	232.0	262.0	79.0	74.0	5.7	6.0
Texas	1,616.0	2,939.0	939.3	2,010.0	676.7	929.0	53.2	51.5
Virginia	41.0	53.0	0.0	0.0	41.0	53.0	0.7	0.8
United States	6,664.6	8,242.1	3,383.6	4,546.0	3,281.0	3,696.1	131.0	132.5

<sup>1</sup> 2003 crop revised, 2004 crop preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> Includes planting seed, feed, exports, inter-farm sales, shrinkage, losses and other uses.

<sup>3</sup> Included in "other" farm disposition.

## United States Winter Wheat

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.59 billion bushels, up 6 percent from 2004. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.4 bushels per acre, 1.9 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last season. The portion of the winter wheat crop rated good to excellent on May 1, at 63 percent, was 15 percentage points higher than last year.

## United States Hay Stocks on Farms

All hay stored on farms May 1, 2005, totaled 27.7 million tons, up 7 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2004 – May 1, 2005, totaled 86.6 million tons, 2 percent greater than the disappearance of 85.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Twenty-six of the 48 reporting states had higher hay stocks than a year ago. Many of the states reporting an increase in stocks were located in the northern Great Plains and the central Corn Belt. The increase in hay stocks from May 2004 in some areas can be attributed to higher hay production during 2004, mild winter conditions, and sufficient early season pasture growth, which reduced the need for supplemental feeding.

Stocks declined in the western and southeastern states. In Washington, lack of winter precipitation and minimal spring pasture growth depleted hay stocks. In California, a decrease in 2004 hay production, combined with strong consumption by dairies, reduced hay stocks by 30 percent from the previous year. In the southeast, hay stocks are down due to lower 2004 hay production in most areas with some areas reporting poor quality as a result of wet weather during harvest.

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## Winter Wheat

Selected States	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2004	Ind. 2005	2004	Ind. 2005	2004	Ind. 2005
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----1,000 Bushels-----	
Arkansas	620	185	53.0	48.0	32,860	8,880
Colorado	1,700	2,450	27.0	35.0	45,900	85,750
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	44.0	314,500	422,400
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1/</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>1/</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>1/</b>
Mississippi	135	90	53.0	49.0	7,155	4,410
Oklahoma	4,700	4,300	35.0	34.0	164,500	146,200
Texas	3,500	3,500	31.0	30.0	108,500	105,000
<b>United States</b>	<b>34,462</b>	<b>35,069</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>1,499,434</b>	<b>1,590,862</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not available until September 2005.

## Hay Stocks on Farms

Selected States	December 1			May 1		
	2002	2003	2004	2003	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Tons-----			-----1,000 Tons-----		
Alabama	1,750	1,764	1,965	254	487	356
Arkansas	2,755	2,700	3,200	588	600	660
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>128</b>
Mississippi	1,631	1,125	1,159	249	244	199
Oklahoma	5,357	4,244	5,186	1,190	1,275	1,400
Texas	10,460	9,910	10,451	3,888	2,849	2,779
<b>United States</b>	<b>102,978</b>	<b>111,027</b>	<b>114,294</b>	<b>22,013</b>	<b>25,947</b>	<b>27,708</b>

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